

***Judicial Branch Budget Hearing: Testimony From Court Users
Administrative Office of the Courts
San Francisco, California
April 23, 2004
8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.***

AGENDA

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| 8:30–8:45 a.m. | Welcoming Remarks
Chief Justice Ronald M. George |
| Panel 1
8:45–9:00 a.m. | Court Leaders (Part 1)
Hon. Brad R. Hill, Presiding Judge, Superior Court of
Fresno County
Hon. Douglas P. Miller, Presiding Judge, Superior Court of
Riverside County |
| Panel 2
9:00–9:15 a.m. | Criminal Justice System
Mr. Jim Fox, District Attorney, San Mateo County
Ms. Maura Rogers-Horn, Office of the Public Defender,
County of Riverside |
| Panel 3
9:15–9:35 a.m. | Court Programs and Services (Part 1)
<i>Drug Court:</i>
Hon. Nancy Cisneros, Commissioner, Superior Court of
Fresno County, and
Mr. Shane Halversen, Client, Superior Court of Fresno
County Drug Court Program
<i>Homeless Court:</i>
Ms. Angela Adams, Client, Superior Court of Fresno
County homeless court program
<i>Small Business Court:</i>
Mr. Doug Broten, President/CEO, Central California Better
Business Bureau |
| Panel 4
9:35–9:55 a.m. | Court Leaders (Part 2)
Hon. Suzanne N. Kingsbury, Presiding Judge, Superior
Court of El Dorado County
Ms. Jody Patel, Executive Officer, Superior Court of
Sacramento County
Mr. Larry Gobelman, Executive Officer, Superior Court of
Siskiyou County |

Panel 5 9:55–10:20 a.m.	<p>Court Programs and Services (Part 2)</p> <p><i>Domestic Violence Programs:</i></p> <p>Hon. Barbara J. Miller, Presiding Judge, Superior Court of Alameda County</p> <p>Ms. Ariel Winger, Counsel, Family Violence Law Center, and Ms. Michelle Miko-Lee, Client</p> <p><i>Elder Access and Elder Abuse:</i></p> <p>Ms. Robin Yamate, Legal Assistance for Seniors, Oakland, and Ms. Betty Bishop, Client</p>
10:20–10:35 a.m.	Break
Panel 6 10:35–10:55 a.m.	<p>Legal Community</p> <p>Mr. Anthony Capozzi, President, State Bar of California</p> <p>Mr. James Herman, Past President, State Bar of California; Access to Justice Commission</p> <p>Mr. Thomas Warwick, Jr., San Diego County Bar Association</p>
Panel 7 10:55–11:20 a.m.	<p>Court Programs and Services (Part 3)</p> <p><i>Adoptions/Family Court:</i></p> <p>Hon. Michael Nash, Presiding Judge, Superior Court of Los Angeles County, Juvenile Court</p> <p>Ms. Deborah Anderson and Daughter Venus, Adoptive Family, Los Angeles</p> <p><i>Juvenile Court:</i></p> <p>Ms. Judy Cefalu, Court Appointed Special Advocate, South Lake Tahoe, and</p> <p>Ms. Christy Shelton, Former Juvenile Court Client and Judicial Council Scholarship Recipient</p> <p><i>Legal Services:</i></p> <p>Mr. Ken Babcock, Coalition to Preserve Our Justice System</p>
Panel 8 11:20–11:50 a.m.	<p>Court Programs and Services (Part 4)</p> <p><i>Small Claims Court:</i></p> <p>Mr. William Tanner, Legal Aid Society of Orange County, and Ms. Carol Franz, Client, Small Claims Court</p> <p><i>Housing/Home Equity Fraud:</i></p> <p>Ms. Kathy Norton, Tenant, Unlawful Detainer Case</p> <p>Mr. Mitch Kamin, Bet Tzedek Legal Services, Los Angeles, and Vanessa Cornelius, Client</p>

Panel 9
11:50 a.m.–12:15 p.m. Court Employees
Ms. Kelly McCarthy, court reporter, Superior Court of
Santa Clara County
Mr. Aaron Peardon, Court Processing Specialist, Superior
Court of Orange County
Mr. Chris Cafaro, Court Clerk, Superior Court of Sutter
County
Ms. Octavia Bazile, Court Clerk, Superior Court of Contra
Costa County

Panel 10
12:15–12:25 p.m. Court Security
Sheriff Mark Tracy, Santa Cruz County

12:25–12:30 p.m. Closing Remarks
Hon. Ronald M. George, Chief Justice of California